Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1975, Communication Service for the Deaf began providing interpreter referral services to the Sioux Falls area through the South Dakota School for the Deaf; and,

Whereas, Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. (CSD) is currently a private, nonprofit telecommunications and human services organization; and,

Whereas, The CSD's mission is to provide greater opportunities for access, independence, and awareness for all individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing through global leadership and a continuum of quality communication services and human services programs, providing the tools conducive to a positive and fully integrated life; and,

Whereas, CSD is one of the largest Sioux Falls employers with nearly 3,000 employees providing an array of services at 42 facilities to 15 million users across the country; and,

Whereas, CSD has worked to make South Dakota among the very first states to provide telecommunications relay services; and,

Whereas, CSD will celebrate 30 years of providing services to the deaf and hard of hearing on Friday, October 28, 2005, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to recognize their commitment to others:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2005, as

COMMUNICATION SERVICE FOR THE DEAF DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State